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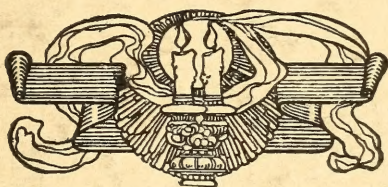


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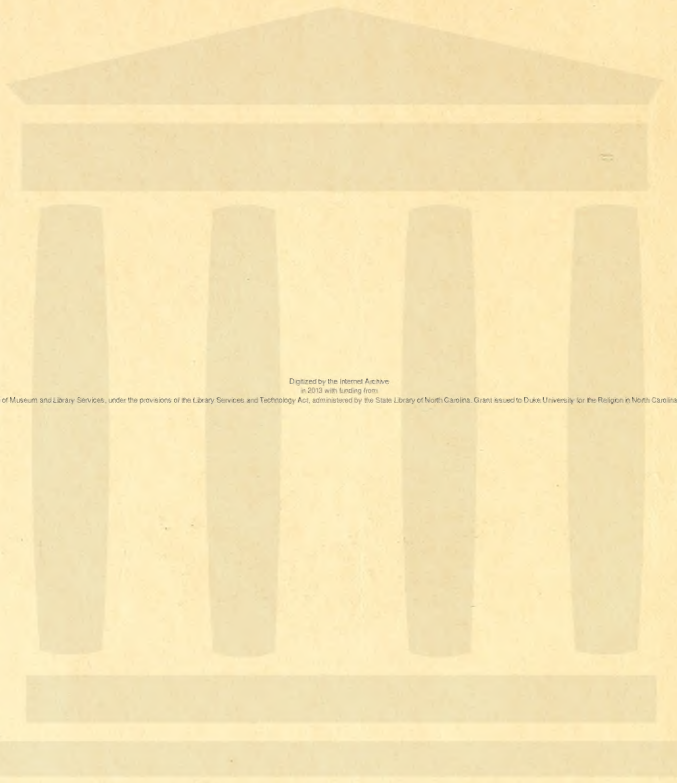
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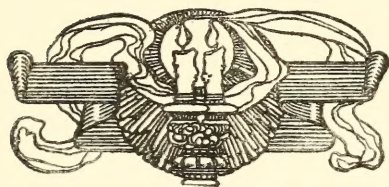


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BRIEF HISTORY

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, there was held in the Auditorium at Montreat, a meeting of delegates from all the Presbyterian Unions in the State, with the exception of Asheville Union.

A vote was taken as to the advisability of organizing a North Carolina Synodical Union. All the delegates, with the exception of those from Albemarle, voted to organize a Synodical Union. Albemarle Union wished to understand the object better, and will doubtless join later.

The following delegates were present: Mrs. Jackson Johnson and Mrs. W. M. Cumming, Wilmington Union; Mrs. Robt. Page and Mrs. L. W. Curtis, Fayetteville Union; Mrs. E. C. Murray, Orange Union; Mrs. Samuel Watkins, Albemarle Union; Miss Margaret Rankin, Mecklenburg Union; Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Concord Union; Mrs. L. M. Hull and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Kings Mountain Union.

At the request of the Assembly's Committee on Woman's Work, it was decided to drop the name "Union" and speak of them as "Synodicals" and "Presbyterials." They also requested that the officers be uniform in Synodicals, Presbyterials and Local Societies.

It was unanimously decided to adopt a Constitution at this meeting, but to postpone having it printed in leaflet form until after the meeting in 1913, as it might be found necessary to make some changes.

Dr. Vardell, Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Woman's Work, met with the ladies and gave most valuable aid in formulating the Constitution.

After careful consideration the Constitution was adopted.

The question of meeting the expenses of the Synodical was discussed. It was decided to ask for a .15 per capita tax, instead of .10 as heretofore, .05 of this to go to the Synodical. This is to be collected by the Presbyterian Treasurer.

One dollar was contributed by Mrs. L. W. Curtis and Mrs. W. M. Cumming toward buying a minute book.

The annual meeting of the Synodical will be held with the various Presbyterials in turn, except the meeting in 1913, which will be held at Montreat, immediately following the Woman's Conference.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson, Wilmington Presbyterian.

The Vice-Presidents are to consist of the Presidents of the various Presbyterials, and are as follows:

Mrs. A. D. McClure, Wilmington; Mrs. Robt. Page, Fayetteville; Mrs. E. C. Murray, Orange; Mrs. Samuel Watkins, Albemarle; Mrs. J. R. Irwin, Mecklenburg; Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Concord; Mrs. L. M. Hull, Kings Mountain; Mrs. W. H. Davis, Asheville.

Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret Rankin, Charlotte.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Reid, Lenoir.

Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Chas. Rankin, Fayetteville.

Secretary Assembly Home Missions, Mrs. Chas. Norfleet, Winston-Salem.

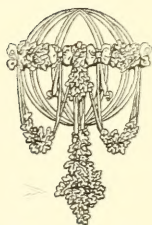
Secretary Local Home Missions, Mrs. L. M. Hull, Shelby.

Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. John Reid, Davidson.

Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. L. W. Curtis, Hamlet.

The Synodical adjourned to meet at Montreat, August, 1913.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET G. RANKIN, Secretary.



FIRST MEETING

1913

The first meeting of the North Carolina Synodical was held in the church at Montreat, August 14. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson. All the Presbyterials were represented. Sixteen delegates present. Encouraging reports were made by all the officers, showing increased interest in all branches of the work.

The Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Reid, reported \$80.64 received from the Presbyterials for the expenses of the Synodical.

The President read the action of the General Assembly allowing the societies to send their contributions direct to the Secretary's office for which it was intended, reporting to the session the amount and the work to which sent. The work already being done by the societies and pledges made, must not be tampered with. The Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Chas. Rankin, reported quite an increase in the gifts of the women over those of 1912.

The following motion, made by Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, was unanimously adopted: "As a Synodical we record our gratitude for the noble part our women had in raising the Debt Fund, and that we urge an equal or better support of the progressive mission work of the Church during the coming year."

Mrs. L. W. Curtis, Secretary of Young People's Work, made a splendid report and asked that a morning session of the Synodical be given to a conference on Young People's Work, the said conference not to consist of entertainments by the children nor of addresses to them, but of a conference of leaders and addresses to them. The recommendation was unanimously passed.

The Historian, Mrs. Ben Lacy, gave a most interesting history of the organizing of the various Presbyterials, beginning with Wilmington, which was the first organized. The report contained much valuable information.

Our Superintendent, Mrs. Winsborough, made a most helpful talk on the various committees necessary to carry out the Assembly's plan, and the wonderful opportunity of these committees for efficient service. She also urged the observance of "Home Mission" week in October, and having a praise meeting once a year, making this the best meeting of the year. "Blessing Boxes," in which to put the daily thank offerings, can be gotten for one and a half cents each. The urgent request was made that every society close its accounts the 31st of March and send the reports at once to the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Watson Fairley explained the successful working of the Assembly's Plan in the First Church of Fayetteville. It was most helpful to those societies not yet using the plan. The President, Mrs. Johnson, suggested that the delegates from the Presbyterials sent to the Synodical next year be the Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions and the Secretary of Young People's Work.

The following motion was made and adopted: "That a recommendation be sent down to the Presbyterials that they send their delegates instructed as to their desires for the place of meeting of the Synodical."

After considerable discussion the matter of pra-rating North Carolina's part—\$640—of the support of the Auxiliary was left to the Synodical Treasurer. She was asked to notify each Presbyterial President of the apportionment assigned to her Presbyterial, and each Presbyterial is to decide for itself how this apportionment is to be raised. The Treasurer, Mrs. Reid, asks that if possible the funds both for the Auxiliary and the Synodical be sent in the Fall.

The Executive Committee unanimously decided to urge the North Carolina Presbyterials to hold their meetings consecutively in April, the dates and order of succession being left to the Synodical President.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson, Winnabow; the Vice-Presidents are the Presidents of the Presbyterials; Secretary, Miss Margaret Rankin, Charlotte; Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Reid, Lenoir; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Chas. Rankin, Fayetteville; Secretary Assembly Home Missions, Mrs. W. M. Cumming, Wilmington; Secretary Local Home Missions, Mrs. J. M. McIver, Gulf; Secretary Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension, Mrs. E. L. Brown, Loray; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Baxter S. Moore, Winston-Salem; Secretary Literature, Miss Madeline Orr, Charlotte.

Adjourned to meet at Montreat in 1914.

MARGARET G. RANKIN, Secretary.

SECOND MEETING

1914.

The second annual meeting of the North Carolina Synodical was held in the Auditorium at Montreat, July 20, the President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson, presiding. Mrs. E. F. Reid conducted the devotional exercises; she spoke of the life and work of several women of the Bible; the talk was exceedingly helpful. Mrs. Johnson reported the meeting of the "Council" in Kansas City. All States were represented, showing a Synodical organization in every State. Mrs. McMillan, Treasurer, made a concise report of the finances of the Auxiliary. The year was closed free of debt, even though some of the societies did not meet their assessments. Only 30 per cent of the women of the Southern Presbyterian Church are in organized work for the Master.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. McIver and Mrs. J. A. Brown was appointed to go over the Constitution and make the changes necessary to be made. These changes will be voted on at the meeting of the Synodical next year. Several changes were made in the By-Laws, which will be printed in the Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. E. C. Murray that the Minutes of the Synodical be printed; from the organization through the present meeting. Adopted.

There was much discussion over the meaning of "Local Home Missions;" we have been confounding "Local Home Missions" and "Congregational." "Local Home Missions" covers only Synodical and Presbyterian Home Missions.

Good narrative reports were given by the Presbyterian Presidents. Only Albemarle Presbyterian reached the "Standard of Excellence" as recommended by the Auxiliary. The Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Reid, reported about \$70 in the treasury.

All the Secretaries made splendid reports. Mrs. Gurney, Secretary of Literature, reported 1,158 copies of the Survey taken, 301 Prayer Calendars, 82 Mission Study classes; she felt sure that a full report would double these numbers.

Mrs. Chas. Rankin, Secretary of Foreign Missions, reported \$22,819 given last year by our women; the most striking thing about her report was that "the Presbyterials reporting the largest per cent of their Auxiliaries organized according to Assembly's plan, show an increase in Foreign Missions." There was another encouraging note—"more women in North Carolina are studying, working, giving and praying for Foreign Missions than ever before." How this should rejoice our hearts.

Mrs. E. D. Brown, Secretary of Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension, struck a very different note when she said there were 86,000 white children in North Carolina out of any Sunday school. How can our women fail to be interested in and work for Sabbath School Extension?

Mrs. E. C. Murray made a thrilling appeal for organized work for Barium Springs Orphanage. The Synodical did not see their way clear to enter this work just now. The thank offering collection amounting to \$9.30 was to be sent to Barium.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter expressing the love of the Synodical and their appreciation of her splendid work to Mrs. Lacy Little, who is an honorary member of the Synodical.

The Synodical gave a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. W. B. Ramsay for her wonderful work in arranging the schedules for the speakers attending the Presbyterials. The Presbyterial Presidents were asked to send to the Synodical President the time and place of their meeting of Presbytery, also the place of meeting of the Presbyterial, that the dates of the meetings might be arranged.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson; Secretary, Miss Margaret Rankin; Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Reid; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Chas. Rankin; Secretary Assembly Home Missions, Mrs. W. M. Cumming; Secretary Local Home Missions, Mrs. J. M. McIver; Secretary Ministerial Relief and Christian Education, Mrs. Ben Lacy; Secretary Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension, Miss Julia Smith; Secretary Literature, Mrs. H. E. Gurney.

The closing devotional was led by Miss Margaret Rankin, the subject being "Complete Surrender."

After prayer the Synodical adjourned to meet at Montreat, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET G. RANKIN, Secretary.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting of 1913 were written and submitted to Synodical.

A report of the proceedings of the meeting was printed in all the Church papers. A copy was sent to Dr. Vardell, Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Woman's Work. It was read to Synod and printed in their minutes.

I urge with all earnestness, that reports of meetings and lists

of societies in each Presbyterial be sent to the Recording Secretary immediately after the meeting. There are many calls for a list of the societies in the State, and it is impossible to furnish them without the co-operation of the Presbyterial Secretary.

Three Presbyterials sent no report of any kind this year.

MARGARET G. RANKIN, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT—N. C. SYNODICAL.

August 1, 1913—To balance	\$ 37.54
Synodical dues for year ending August 1, 1914.....	134.96
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	\$172.50
Disbursements	126.60
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Balance on hand August 1, 1914	\$ 45.90

MRS. E. F. REID, Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Second Annual Report—Foreign Missions—North Carolina Synodical, for year ending March 31, 1914:

Albemarle Presbyterial—Mrs. W. W. Faison, Secretary: Eight Mission Study classes; six Auxiliaries adopted Assembly's Plan (being one-third of Women's Societies); Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$1,835.34; Increase over last year, \$238.50; Contributions doubled in two years, lacked \$137.00.

Asheville Presbyterial—Miss Virginia Patton, Secretary: Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$607.83; Decrease from last year, \$212.00; Doubled in two years, lacked \$39.00.

Concord Presbyterial—Mrs. J. G. Garth, Secretary: Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$2,449.39; Decrease from last year, \$186.00.

Fayetteville Presbyterial—Miss Della MacGoogan, Secretary: Mission Study classes, 11; Copies of Survey taken, 600; Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$4,950.00; Decrease from last year, \$1,625.00.

Kings Mountain Presbyterial—Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, Secretary: Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$663.37; Decrease from last year, \$42.00.

Mecklenburg Presbyterial—Mrs. E. M. Cole, Secretary:

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$6,191.02; Increase over last year, \$2,132.00; About one-third of Auxiliaries organized according to Assembly's plan.

Orange Presbyterial—Miss Minnie Fields, Secretary: Number of Surveys taken, 687; Prayer Calendars, 297; Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$4,355.00; Decrease from last year, \$1,349.00.

Wilmington Presbyterial—Mrs. W. P. M. Currie, Secretary: Four Auxiliaries adopted Assembly's plan; Seven Mission Study classes; Contributions to Foreign Missions, \$1,769.26; No report for last year, so cannot give increase or decrease.

Total, \$22.819.

HOME MISSIONS.

As your Secretary of Local Home Missions it gives me great pleasure to state that I have had the cordial sympathy and helpful support of the Presbyterial Secretaries of Local Home Missions, and beg to report for them the following:

But before doing so, may I say, that as the office was an entirely new one, and what constitutes Local Home Missions not clearly understood by many of the societies, the Secretaries feel that by another year they will have the work much better in hand, and that the societies will have a more comprehensive grasp of the subject.

From Mecklenburg Presbyterial, Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman reports sixty questions sent out and eighteen responses; \$711.25 for Local Home Missions, which she thinks by no means a correct report, as so many of the societies failed to report work done along this line.

Mrs. J. W. Thackstone, of Albemarle Presbyterial, reports question blanks sent out to fourteen societies, and nine answers. Total amount reported for Local Home Missions, \$940.13. Four of the societies are assisting in some form of institutional work, or Mission Sunday Schools, or City Missions.

Edenton reports enlisting her society in "Remedying evil conditions, and meeting moral needs at home." One country church reports considering ways of making the church a more vital factor in the social life of the young people in the community.

Orange Presbyterial has no Secretary of Local Home Missions, and while I know that she is doing a grand work in almost every phase of Local Home Missions, my report, of course, must be official, and I can only give what I was able to get from one

Secretary of Home Missions, Assembly's and Local, who reports total for Home Missions, \$4,863.42; Glade Valley Mission, \$911.00; Orphans, \$758.78.

From Kings Mountain Presbyterial, Mrs. J. S. Wise reports five societies that have a Secretary of Local Home Missions. These five report having contributed to Westminster School, Balfour Orphanage, Barium Springs, and to the poor in their midst an aggregate of \$372.00. Mrs. Wise calls attention to the fact that she was appointed Presbyterial Secretary only a very short time before the meeting of the Presbyterial, and consequently had no time in which to get the work in hand.

Mrs. R. E. L. Brown, of Wilmington Presbyterial, reports thirty societies in her Presbyterial, and thirty question blanks sent out to which she received fifteen replies. Only nine societies report a Secretary for Local Home Missions. Mrs. Brown wants to know what is the matter with the Presidents of the other twenty-one societies. If they have adopted the new constitution for local societies, why not appoint a Secretary for this cause.

The Synodical Secretary will be grateful for a satisfactory answer to the above question.

The Mt. Olive Society answers in the affirmative to all the questions on the answer blank, the only society in the Presbyterial making such a splendid report. Does Mrs. Winsborough know of another in the whole Auxiliary? If not, should not Mt. Olive have a banner? This report makes especial mention of social service as one of the most important phases of Local Home Missions. I hope that every woman in this Synodical has read, or will read a copy of this report in a recent issue of the Presbyterian Standard.

Mrs. J. R. Campbell, of Concord Presbyterial, reports much interest in this work among her societies. Lee's-McRae Institute, at Banner Elk, Barium Springs Orphanage, the evangelistic work in the mountains, and other parts of the Presbytery, and the Manse Fund being the special object contributed to. Some of the societies have established Sunday Schools in different places, and given literature to the colored people, and one society reports a Bible class for colored children, taught by two of its members, which meets every Saturday afternoon in the kitchen of the manse. Mrs. Campbell closes by saying: "Let us earnestly seek to learn what is the Master's will for us as individuals, and as societies, for the poor and ignorant, now neglected in our own communities. Perhaps at our door are mission fields already white, and

needing laborers. To them, by the help of the Holy Spirit, let us give ourselves." \$502.59.

Mrs. J. W. McLauchlin, of Fayetteville Presbyterial, reports that only a few societies have as yet elected a Secretary of Local Home Missions, owing largely to the fact that they did not have a Presbyterial Secretary last year. So it has been difficult to find out the details of the work. For many years Fayetteville Presbyterial has been doing excellent work along these lines, although it was not called Local Home Missions. The Presbytery's High School at Elise, Barium Springs, the schools at Banner Elk and Plumtree, and Morrison Memorial, the little helpless ones in far-away Balfour, and Synodical, and Presbyterial Home Missions, and evangelistic work, are the special objects contributed to. Some of the societies show a most encouraging gain in interest and contributions, one society giving \$53.00 for Local Home Missions against \$10.00 for all Home Mission causes last year. Four societies report work done among the colored people. One church reports eight Mission Sunday Schools, including one at the colored Presbyterian Church. Every woman teaching in these schools is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church. Total reported for Local Home Missions, \$1,362.12.

Now before closing may I ask for a few minutes in which to state as concisely as possible some of the facts that have most impressed me during the year in which I have been Secretary of this great cause.

The first is that we women of our eight Presbyterial Unions are better informed on every other phase of our mission work than of this, the one at our very doors. The next, not less important, and certainly vastly more encouraging, is that by the wonderful new plan of our great Woman's Auxiliary, which emphasizes Home Missions not less than Foreign, and which gives us along with the Foreign work a systematized plan for this work also and channels of information through which the needs and opportunities are being brought before our women, and there is a marvelous awakening, and a widespread interest. The thing of next importance is, that certainly in most of the Presbyterials, the women have responded nobly to the calls for help in our mission schools, and in our Orphanage work, but we have not rallied to the support of our Synodical and Presbyterial Superintendents in their efforts to send men to carry the Gospel message to destitute parts of the Synod. In one Presbytery there is a county of 23,000 white people unsaved, and only two Presbyterian ministers in the county. In this same Presbytery there are over 75,000

people who belong to no church whatever. Now what are we women going to do with conditions like these, for I am sure they exist to a greater or less extent in all of our Presbyteries. Shall we during this year not neglect our mountain and other mission schools, nor our little Orphan children, but inform ourselves as never before, getting definite facts about this great mission field in North Carolina Synod, and then pray, and give, as God gives us to see our responsibility for this part of His vineyard. And let us make our prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" more specific, and strengthen it with words and deeds."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. M. McIVER.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Madame President and Co-Workers of Our Synodical:

As your appointed Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief I extend to you my warm greetings and tidings of the year's work, and my regrets that I can be present only in spirit.

Although the work is somewhat new to many, I feel sure much progress has been made and we have reason to be thankful and encouraged to go forward and do greater things in the coming year.

Letters have been written to all of the Presbyterial Secretaries, frequently, and the best of literature placed in their hands for distribution.

All of the Presbyterials have Secretaries, though Orange has been so recently appointed that I haven't any official report. I have sent literature to a number of societies, and while there is interest, not a great deal of work has been done.

I haven't any report from Asheville, and only one letter received, although I have written and sent literature.

Fayetteville has given \$2,106.00, and has twenty-five young men studying for the ministry.

Five societies from Mecklenburg report that they give regularly to this cause, and three societies are helping to educate young men for the Mission Field through the Executive Committee.

There are three Candidates for the Ministry and two young ladies preparing for Mission work in Albemarle.

Concord has seventeen Candidates for the Ministry, eight

girls for Mission field, two societies that gave the required $14\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and four societies that gave \$32.44.

Wilmington is much encouraged over the year's work, and feels prepared to do great things during the coming year.

The Secretary of Kings Mountain Presbyterial has done good work and thinks that the cause is better understood, and the seed already sown will bring forth fruit.

As Secretary of the Synodical I have kept in touch with Dr. Sweets, and feel personally benefited by the excellent literature so freely given.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs. Baxter S.) ELLEN NORFLEET MOORE,
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

In the five months since I have held the office of Synodical Secretary of Literature I have tried to get into as close touch as possible with my Presbyterial Secretaries.

From my note-book I find that I have written thirty-six letters concerning the work. From replies received I find it true generally that in every instance confusion, arising from the fact that it is the duty of each "Cause" Secretary to disseminate literature for her own department, which of course is not reported to us, and which when faithfully done covers the ground so well that many societies, and some Presbyterials, question the need of a Secretary of Literature at all.

In answer to my questions as to copies of "The Survey" some Presbyterials report that "many" are taken. In regard to Prayer Calendar's "quite a number," and Mission Study classes are reported numbering as "about one-half or one-third of the societies in the Presbyterials.

From the reports which gave actual figures I find reported, 1,158 copies of The Survey taken, 301 Prayer Calendars used, 82 Mission Study classes. I am inclined to believe that a full report would about double those numbers.

In closing I wish to make it clear that the inaccuracy is not in any case the fault of the Presbyterial Secretaries. They have each reported, and each one has done her best with the material furnished her.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs. H. E.) ELLA GURNEY,
Synodical Secretary of Literature.

Madam President and Ladies of the Synodical:

Your Secretary of Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension is happy to report that the Young People's Work of our Synodical has been more fully organized during the past year. that many new societies have been added, and that the Presbyterian Secretaries of this cause have been actively at work. Each one of these Secretaries seems to be putting her whole heart into her efforts for the young people of her Presbyterian. It has been a delight to be associated with these earnest, zealous women and their faithfulness has been an inspiration to me.

Permit me to give some quotations from the narrative reports of the different Presbyterials:

Albemarle—"I think for the first year of this branch of work under the Woman's Auxiliary the churches have fallen in line very well. I am much encouraged, and think another year there will be very pronounced results." In this Presbyterian there are quite a number of "Philathea" classes, and these may properly be included in our Young People's Work wherever they are under the control of the session.

Asheville—The newly elected Secretary writes: "Asheville Presbytery is, as you know, largely made up of country churches and Mission Sunday Schools. All of our town churches have Children's and Young People's Societies, but not one of our country churches, so far as I know, have these organizations. My plan is to visit these places this summer and where practicable bring the young people together in the various organizations approved by our Church."

Concord—Young People's Work in this Presbyterian is in the hands of a capable and faithful worker who is giving a great deal of her time to the work. She has visited several of the churches and has organized six new societies the past year. Five of the Young People's Societies in this Presbyterian were reported as having reached the "Standard of Excellence."

Fayetteville—This Presbyterian sets an example for the whole Synodical with its long list of Young People's organizations. Two banners are offered each year, one to the Covenanter Band and the other to the Children's Society having the best annual report.

Kings Mountain—The Secretary writes: "I have written letters to twenty churches asking them to appoint a local Secretary for Young Peoples' Work and Sabbath School Extension, and sent literature explaining the duties of the Secretary. . . . I hope to see some of the members of these societies personally and talk with them, and hope to gain face to face what I've failed to do by pen.

It will be a fine plan when we get it in operation, but all beginnings are difficult."

Mecklenburg—"Our Presbyterian offers a prize this year to the junior girl who makes the best and most attractive chart on some Home or Foreign Mission subject." This seems a fine plan, but your Secretary cannot forbear the suggestion that boys can make charts quite as well as girls.

Orange—The newly elected Secretary of Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension in this Presbyterian is eager to begin her duties. She writes: "I am deeply interested in the Young People's work. I am sure there is a great deal to be done in our Presbyterian."

Wilmington—The Young People's Secretary of Wilmington does not know the word "discouragement." I quote the following from her narrative report to her Presbyterian: "There are only three new organizations among the Young People to report this year. I have tried to organize several bands, but failure met me on all sides. However, I intend to try, try again. My work this year has been letter writing. Many of the leaders and Secretaries answered my letters promptly, but a number of my letters passed unnoticed. Ladies, please answer my letters, if you write nothing more than this, 'Your letter received and thrown in the waste basket.'"

No report was made to me on Missions in the Sabbath School. This is a subject which should engage the attention of our local Secretaries. We realize its importance when we remember that the Mission Bands and Societies include only a small percentage of the young people of our Church, while the Sabbath School includes very nearly all. Turning from the work for the young people within our Church to Sabbath School Extension, which reaches to those who are outside, let me point you to these figures: "White children out of Sabbath School in North Carolina, 86,200." Suppose your boy and mine were of that number? If we pull off all the leaves and the green fruit from a tree we stop its usefulness for that year. If we cut off half the great boughs of our tree we make the tree lop-sided. If we gash into the trunk, we make a scar and hinder the flow of the sap. But if we cut off all the roots of the tree, what then? Our tree is dead. Let us imagine our Church as a tree. If we pull off the leaves and young fruit, for which the tree exists—if we fail to support Foreign Missions one year—we injure the Church's usefulness. If we cut off half of the strong boughs which hold the fruit—if we fail to give to Home Missions—how lop-sided and robbed of half

its strength our Church-tree appears. If we cut into the trunk—if we neglect Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, oh, how we hurt and mar our tree! But if we don't just girdle it, the life-giving sap may still flow. But if we cut off all the roots—if we leave off Young People's Work—our Church is dead!

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. D. BROWN,

Sec. Y. P. W. and S. S. Ex. for N. C. Synodical.

Loray, N. C., July, 1914.

The Committee on Recommendations begs to submit the following:

1. That immediately following the Presbyterial meetings each year the Secretary shall send a complete list of officers to the Synodical Secretary, who shall at once notify the Executive Committee.

2. That we approve of the Montreat Association, but as a Synodical cannot take stock or recommend that Presbyterials do so, but that we approve of individual members becoming shareholders.

3. The last Assembly passed the following: "That a general summary by Presbyteries of the statistical reports of Women's Societies be printed in the Minutes of the Assembly." In view of this fact, we urge our Presbyterials to all diligence in securing full and accurate reports of their work.

4. That Presbyterial Secretaries of Literature use all diligence in organizing a Prayer Circle in all local societies.

5. That Presbyterials instruct their societies to send all monies quarterly through their Church Treasurers to the Assembly's Treasurer, and that they do not send fractions of a dollar.

6. That the Presbyterials have printed in their minutes the names and addresses of the Synodical officers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHARLES RANKIN,

MISS CLARA PATRICK,

MRS. F. S. NEAL,

Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL.

Article 1. Name: This organization shall be called the Woman's Synodical of the Synod of North Carolina.

Article 2. Object: The object of this organization shall be to enlarge, strengthen and unify the work of the Presbyterials.

Article 3. Membership: All Presbyterials of the Synod of North Carolina shall be eligible to membership in the Synodical.

Article 4. Officers: The officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice-President (This office shall go in turn to the Presidents of the Presbyterials in order of their seniority), Vice-Presidents (who are the Presidents of the Presbyterials), Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, and a Secretary for each of the following causes: Foreign Missions, Assembly Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension, Local Home Missions and Congregational Work.

Article 5. Duties of Officers: Section I. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, and shall have general oversight of the work. She shall call the meetings of the Executive Committee and appoint necessary committees. She shall attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Council.

Section II. The First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when she is unable to discharge them.

Section III. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the general conduct of the work of the Synodical.

Section IV. The Recording Secretary shall:

(a) Keep accurate minutes of the annual meetings.
(b) Notify new officers of their election and committees of their appointment.

(c) Attend to all the general correspondence of the organization, write all notices for the newspapers.

(d) Prepare a concise narration of the work done by the organization to be read at the meeting of Synod, by the chairman of the committee.

(e) Act as secretary of the executive meetings.

(f) Shall send to the office of the Assembly's Superintendent of Woman's Work a copy of the yearly report and a revised list of the officers. This shall be done immediately after the annual meeting.

(g) Shall prepare and tabulate Presbyterial reports and have them printed.

Section V. The Treasurer shall:

(a) Receive and disburse the contingent fund of the Synodical by direction of the Executive Committee.

(b) Present her report at the annual meeting.

Section VI. The Secretary of Literature shall:

(a) Correspond with the Presbyterial Secretaries of Literature, and seek in every way to act as a clearing house for gathering general data bearing upon the work of all the causes, which she shall classify, preserve and circulate.

(b) Have for inspection or sale at meeting of Synodical a supply of magazines, scrap-books, charts, maps, clippings, sample programs, and the best and newest leaflets. She shall urge the Presbyterial Secretaries of this department to endeavor to stimulate a greater intelligence and higher efficiency by the organization of mission study classes and prayer circles in their local societies.

(c) Endeavor to enlarge the circulation of the Missionary Survey and Church Calendar of Prayer. In addition she shall handle all of our Church literature needed in Woman's work and not embraced in the four causes, emphasizing especially the grace of Christian Stewardship by circulating literature on this subject.

Section VII. The Secretary of Foreign Missions shall:

(a) Attend to all correspondence pertaining to the Foreign Mission work.

(b) Correspond with the Assembly's Committee in Nashville, and endeavor to secure a wide diffusion of missionary letters, clippings, leaflets, programs, magazines and books, and stimulate interest in Foreign Missions in the Presbyterials through the Presbyterial Secretaries of this department.

(c) Make a report of the Foreign Mission work at the annual meeting of the Synodical.

Section VIII. The Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions shall:

(a) Attend to all correspondence pertaining to Assembly's Home Mission work.

(b) Correspond with the Assembly's Committee in Atlanta, and endeavor through the Presbyterial Secretaries of this department to secure a wide diffusion of missionary letters, clippings, books, leaflets, magazines and programs, and stimulate interest in Assembly's Home Missions in the Presbyterials.

(c) Make a report of the Assembly's Home Mission work at the annual meeting of the Synodical.

Section IX. The Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief shall:

(a) Seek by correspondence with the Presbyterian Secretaries of this department to increase the number of trained, capable ministers and lady teachers and missionaries to enter the field, both at home and abroad.

(b) Urge the Secretaries to impress upon the local societies the importance of proper religious influence in our Schools and Colleges where our future workers are being trained.

(c) Urge the Secretaries to arouse the women of the Presbyterials to a sense of their responsibility for the support and care of our worn out and disabled workers.

(d) Secure literature from the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, and circulate same.

Section X. The Secretary of Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension shall be in close correspondence with the Presbyterian Secretaries in this department. Her aim shall be:

(a) To promote a missionary spirit in the Sunday Schools and the Young People's Societies.

(b) To impart instruction as to the best methods of work by the Church for young people through the Sunday Schools and special meetings and Young People's Societies.

(c) To inform herself through correspondence with the Assembly's Committee, Presbyterian Secretaries of Literature, reports, etc., concerning the progress, condition and needs of the Young People's Work.

Section XI. The Secretary of Local Home Missions and Congregational Work shall:

(a) Be in close correspondence with the Presbyterian officers of her department.

(b) Inform herself regarding the Synodical and Presbyterian Home Mission work of her Synod and Presbyteries, including evangelistic work, mission schools and orphanages, gathering and circulating information concerning their work and stimulating an interest in the same.

(c) Keep in close correspondence with the Synod's Superintendent of Local Home Missions for latest data and information.

Her work also shall be to:

(a) Stimulate interest in Congregational Mission work in its many forms.

(b) Stimulate interest in all forms of Congregational work, which embraces such duties as assisting the pastor in caring for the sick and poor, looking up new members and co-operating with the deacons in raising funds for all congregational needs.

(c) Prepare a concise report of her work to be read at the annual meeting of the Synodical.

Article 6. Election of Officers: The election of officers shall be annual.

Article 7. Voting: The privilege of voting on the election of officers and on all constitutional questions shall be restricted to the official delegates and officers of this organization.

Article 8. Amendment: This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been given to the Presbyterials and official delegates, or when need arises, by recommendation.



BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Delegates: The President of each Presbyterial is ex-officio a member of the Synodical, and each Presbyterial shall elect two delegates.

Article 2. Program: The Executive Committee shall arrange the program for the annual meeting.

Article 3. Finance:

Section I. The expense of this organization for stationery, printing, attendance of delegate at Woman's Council, also postage and other incidentals, and of those invited to the annual meeting, shall be paid from the contingent fund.

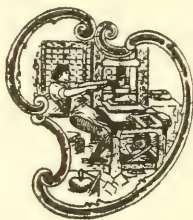
Section II. Each Presbyterial shall be requested to meet its share in the contingent fund.

Article 4. The Synodical shall meet immediately before or after the "Woman's Summer School of Missions," date left to the Executive Committee.

Article 5. The Executive Committee: The President, First Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall constitute and be an Executive Committee with power to make arrangements for regular meetings, to call special meetings, and to fill vacancies among the officers. It shall be their duty to inform the various Presbyterials of the speakers available for their program by the rotation system of meetings, and to co-operate with them so far as desired by securing the highest efficiency both in their organization and meetings.

Article 6. Change of By-Laws: These By-Laws may be changed by a two-thirds vote of those present at the annual meeting.

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